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SUBJECT: MRS. PERON FAILS TO APPEAR AT NOV 22 CEREMONY

1. THE AFTERNOON OF NOV 21 IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT MRS. PERON WOULD DELIVER SPEECH TO ELEMENTS OF PERONIST YOUTH WHO WOULD GATHER TH FOLLOWING AFTERNOON AT HER OLIVOS RADIENCE ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY DAY. AFTERNOON OF NOV 22 SOME 3,000 PERONIST YOUTH FROM AS FAR AWAY AS CORDOBA HAD GATHERED ON GROUNDS OF OLIVOS RESIDENCE. SURPRISINGLY, GIVEN ADVANCED PUBLICITY, MRS. PERON FAILED TO APPEAR AND INSTEAD A TAPED SPEECH WAS PLAYED OVER LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THIS ENRAGED THE CROWD, MANY OF WHOM HAD COME FROM LONG DISTANCES WITH IDEA OF SEEING THE PRESIDENT. AT TIMES TAPED SPEECH COULD NOT BE HEARD BECAUSE OF THE JEERS AND WHISTLES OF THE CROWD. EVENTUALLY, OLIVOS SECURITY GUARDS HAD TO DISPERSE THE CROWD, MANY OF WHOM LEFT IN A VERY BAD HUMOR.

2. IN THE SPEECH ITSELF, MRS. PERON EXALTED YOUTH AND CALLED ON PERONIST YOUTH FOR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE NATION'S WELFARE.

3. COMMENT: THAT MRS. PERON SHOULD HAVE FAILED TO ADDRESS A CROWD WHICH HAD BEEN GATHERED FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF HEARING HER SPEECH IS STRANGE INDEED. EXPLANATIONS

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FROM PERONIST AIDES HAVE RANGED FROM ILLNESS TO LACK OF

COMMUNICATIONS -- I.E. THAT HER CLOSEST ADVISORS HAD NOT
INFORMED HER THAT THE MEETING WAS BEING HELD. WHATEVER
THE EXPLANATION, THE RESULT WAS THE SAME. THE INCIDENT IS
NOT SO IMPORTANT IN ITSELF, BUT IT SERVES TO POINT UP
INEFFECTIVENESS AT TIMES BORDERING ON THE IRRATIONAL
ON THE PART OF MRS. PERON AND HER ENTOURAGE. IT MAY ALSO INDICATE
THAT MRS. PERON IS NOT IN THE PINK OF HEALTH AS INTERIOR MINISTER
ROBLEDO WOULD HAVE EVERYONE BELIVES.
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